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Item 19: Régime of islands: (b) other related matters

Article 1

1. An island is a naturally formed area of land, surrounded by water, which is above water at high tide.
2. An island forms an integral part of the territory of the State to which it belongs.
3. The foregoing provisions have application to all islands, including those comprised in an island State.

Article 2

1. The sovereignty and jurisdiction of a State extends to the maritime zones of its islands determined and delimited in accordance with the provisions of this Convention applicable to its land territory.
2. The sovereignty over the island extends to its territorial sea, to the air space over the island and its territorial sea, to its sea-bed and the subsoil thereof and to the continental shelf for the purpose of exploring it and exploiting its natural resources.
3. The island has a contiguous zone and an economic zone on the same basis as the continental territory, in accordance with the provisions of this Convention.